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Jasper Johnson, left, and Adam Dreger-Desjarlais, along with the other paranormal investigators from the Winnipeg Paranormal Group, are now offering house calls. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Who you gonna call?

Ghostbusters. The city's very own group of paranormal investigators will check Winnipeg's haunted houses for free

 **SHANE GIBSON**
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Things that go bump in the night are nothing the members of the Winnipeg Paranormal Group (WPG) can't handle — because they ain't afraid of no ghosts.

But the group, which is now offering its services to homeowners for free, shies away from obvious comparisons with Hollywood's Ghostbusters.

"We don't have the laser backpacks and things like that," laughed member Adam Dreger-Desjarlais. "I'm a paranormal investigator; Ghostbusters is a movie about people that go and catch ghosts. We investigate."

Boasting a membership of

10 paranormal investigators, the team has been busy checking out reports of creepy activity at businesses and other commercial buildings in Manitoba and across North America since setting up shop in 2008.

This week WPG added a residential-services component to its offerings, after receiving requests from homeowners looking for help.

"The demand for residential investigations is huge," said Dreger-Desjarlais.

When they're called to a suspected haunted space, the members — who all work day jobs — will spend a night there with still cameras, video cameras, audio recorders and other special equipment and literally speak to anything otherworldly that may be living there.

"You ask questions and ask for responses," explained Dreger-Desjarlais, who admits the evenings can get a little hairy. "If you're not scared, then why are you doing this?"

After collecting the data, members spend a week or two going over what they've recorded, looking for anything

Meet the investigators

- Meet members of the Winnipeg Paranormal Group at the 2012 Central Canada Comic Con at the Winnipeg Convention Centre from Nov. 2-4.

suspicious. Sometimes the results confirm paranormal activity, and other times they debunk a suspected haunting.

When paranormal activity is detected, members of WPG do not try to get rid of ghosts, but will connect clients with people who specialize in the afterlife and spiritual cleansing. "As far as our services go, we're there to investigate," said Dreger-Desjarlais. "We try to stick to a more scientific approach."

For more information on the group and its free service, go to winnipegparanormal.com.

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Running after vandals

Vigilantes charged with assault

Two teens are in custody and police are searching for another two suspects after the occupants of a vandalized home allegedly took vigilante justice too far.

Police say the trouble started when four suspects smashed the front window of a home in the 500 block of Boyd Avenue around 12:40 a.m. Monday.

Four people in the home at the time allegedly armed themselves with weapons and gave chase to the fleeing suspects, catching up with one of them in the 400 block of Aberdeen Avenue.

Police say the occupants seriously assaulted the 22-year-old male suspect.

Area residents called police after the occupants fled, leaving the man behind.

A 15-year-old male and a 17-year-old male were arrested near the scene and charged with several offences including aggravated assault and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. Two others involved in the assault are still at large, and the investigation is continuing. **METRO**

Drugs found in raid

Machete among weapons seized

Winnipeg police have seized drugs and weapons, including a machete, after raiding a North End home Saturday.

Officers with the WPS street-crime unit executed a firearm search warrant at a home in the 200 block of Dufferin Avenue around 8:45 p.m. Once inside, police found crack cocaine, marijuana, ammunition, cash, pepper spray, two swords and a machete.

A 15-year-old male, a 19-year-old man, and a 28-year-old woman were all arrested and charged with drug- and weapons-related offences.

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Jellybean. Very vibrant colours in new Sally Ann

The Salvation Army opened the doors to its newest Winnipeg Thrift Store Saturday morning, and within minutes was packed with people shopping for a good deal.

The new store at 1424 McPhillips St. is the first Winnipeg store to boast a new vibrant colour scheme.

"We've kind of dubbed it the 'jellybean colouring,'" said Scott Gilmore, marketing co-ordinator for the Salvation Army. "It looks fantastic."

The new colours are meant to add a vibrant, energetic look and feel to customers' shopping experiences. The new location is also larger than the previous Garden



Manager Grace Bozyski and assistant manager Deena Pascal in front of the new store. **LAUREN PARSONS/FOR METRO**

City location (1050 Leila Ave.), occupying 12,225 square feet of space.

LAUREN PARSONS/FOR METRO

Prevention. Flood money coming to Manitoba

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Quebec will be the first to receive cash from a new federal program aimed at preventing disasters before they happen.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says the three provinces will be reimbursed for half the cost of permanent dike expansions and other measures they took last year in advance of severe flooding that displaced thousands of people.

"Mitigation is the most effective way to protect lives, property and the environment, and reduce the economic and societal costs of disasters," Toews said Tuesday.

The funding comes from a three-year, \$99.2-million pro-

gram first announced in the spring federal budget. Normally, Ottawa refunds provinces for repairs after a disaster strikes, but the new approach intends to share the cost of permanent preventative structures and risk assessments.

Exactly how much money each province will receive has yet to be worked out, and it may not be enough to satisfy them. Manitoba alone spent hundreds of millions of dollars fighting last year's flood and is hoping for more federal funding for an emergency channel that was built at Lake St. Martin. Ottawa has yet to confirm whether that channel will qualify for cash. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Bragging rights and tees for city's fastest cyclists

Active lifestyle. Downtown BIZ event promotes Ciclovía

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On the heels of the London Olympic Games, three Winnipeggers took to the podium as Winnipeg's fastest cyclists.

"It's a fun event that really gets you into the cycling spirit," said Stephanie Voyce, spokesperson for the Downtown BIZ. "Healthy living is for everyone."

Tuesday morning's event to promote the fourth annual Ciclovía, Downtown BIZ's active-transportation festival, invited participants to cycle for one minute and have their total kilometres tracked. Winners were given first choice of T-shirt and bragging rights, whereas all participants received T-shirts and bottled water.

"What we're doing is look-

ing at ways people can be more active in downtown Winnipeg," said Voyce. "Ciclovía has people walking and riding shoulder to shoulder on Broadway, a street that's usually inhabited by cars. To be filling Broadway with people is one of those unexplainable feelings."

Voyce said she hopes to see more people feeling comfortable riding their bikes downtown with newly added cycling infrastructure, and that people are feeling motivated to get active after the spirit of the Olympic Games.

Ciclovía is an eco-friendly, healthy-lifestyle festival and active-transportation initiative that will see car-free streets designated from Assiniboine Park to the Forks, with the north side of Broadway closed from Osborne to Main Street for various activities.

Ciclovía runs as part of Downtown BIZ's ManyFest, Sept. 7-9, which will host nine different events encouraging Winnipeggers to spend time downtown.



Heather Allan was Winnipeg's second-fastest cyclist at a Downtown BIZ promotional event for Ciclovía. Trevor Finch and Taren Gesell took first and third place, respectively. **LAUREN PARSONS/FOR METRO**

On the web



From fresh-faced youngsters to vocal virtuosos, scan the code to see these kids transform into colourful characters at the Peking Opera summer camp.

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Rob Ford

T.O. mayor admits to 'probably' reading, driving

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford admits he was "probably" reading at the wheel during a commute, but he says it didn't affect his driving. Photos on Twitter show him reading. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Csanad Szegedi

Hungarian anti-Semite finds he's Jewish himself

As a rising star in Hungary's far-right Jobbik Party, Csanad Szegedi was notorious for his incendiary comments on Jews: He accused them of "buying up" the country, railed about

the "Jewishness" of the political elite and claimed Jews were desecrating national symbols.

Then came a revelation that knocked him off his perch as ultra-nationalist: Szegedi himself is a Jew.

Following weeks of rumours, Szegedi acknowledged that his grandparents on his mother's side were Jews, making him one, too. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

California

Hearse driver dies on way to a funeral

Beverly Hills, Calif., police say a hearse driver who was found dead with a body in the vehicle likely died of natural causes while taking the casket to a funeral. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Dorval

Two killed, others injured in Quebec collision

Two people were killed in a violent collision that flipped a city bus onto its side and injured numerous other people Tuesday in Quebec.

The accident between the city bus and two cars

occurred during rush hour, at around 6 p.m., at an intersection in an industrial park in the municipality of Dorval, near the Montreal airport.

Police said two people were declared dead on the scene — a woman passenger in a BMW, and someone who was ejected from the city bus. Two others were seriously injured; others were hurt.

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Russian sect eccentricity exaggerated?

Kazan. Questions raised over whether officials overstated how the sect lived

Russian authorities spoke of a creepy cult living in an "eight-level ant house" dug deep into the ground, where children were kept in unheated cells and starved of daylight.

A visit to the compound suggests a more ordinary reality.

A brief visit inside the compound, which provided shocking headlines around the world when police raided it and seized the children, revealed none of the elaborate underground design de-

scribed by prosecutors.

Nor does a police video showing rooms inside.

The father of a cult member, who originally disapproved of his daughter joining the group, said he was able to visit freely. The portrayals raise questions about whether authorities have exaggerated the eccentricity, to show they are cracking down on Islamic groups. The spokeswoman for Kazan prosecutors did not answer repeated calls to her office on Monday.

Police stumbled upon the bizarre sect in early August as they investigated what they described as a terrorist attack that killed a top cleric in oil-rich Tatarstan, where the population is 60 per cent Muslim. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Proposed law comes back to bite Ryan

Republican U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney, front, and vice-presidential running mate Paul Ryan greet supporters in Wisconsin. Romney's eldest son, Tagg, and his wife announced the birth of twin boys in May with the help of in-vitro fertilization and a surrogate mother. But that's a process that would be illegal under a proposed law Ryan once advocated, the Sanctity of Human Life Act. Co-sponsored by Ryan, it would have enshrined the notion that life begins at fertilization, essentially criminalizing in-vitro fertilization.

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Sect against state

Sect leaders are enraged over the seizure of the children and the police action against their holy project, and vowed to triumph. "Allah will punish you," Gumer Ganiyev of the sect yelled at police. "You will all die tomorrow."

- The fate of the sect's property remains unclear. Police, accompanied by social workers and construction experts, conducted a third search last week to further assess the living conditions.

Palo Alto. Computers snatched in burglary at Steve Jobs' residence

Several computers and personal items worth more than \$60,000 US were stolen from the seven-bedroom northern California home

of the late Steve Jobs. Cops insist it was a run-of-the-mill burglary. Kariem McFarlin, 35, has been arrested. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Texas. Gunman in deadly shootout was killed by responding cops

The gunman in a deadly shootout near Texas A&M University was fatally wounded by officers who responded to reports of gunfire. College

Station police Chief Jeff Capps said Thomas Alton Caffall had guns in his home. A policeman and bystander were also killed. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A pedestrian walks past a photograph Tuesday of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, placed by supporters across the street from the Ecuadorian Embassy in central London. LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ecuador could decide this week on asylum for Assange

WikiLeaks founder. President Rafael Correa says his country is concerned Assange will be extradited to U.S. where he could face death penalty

President Rafael Correa of Ecuador says he hopes he will be in a position to

make an announcement this week on whether he will grant political asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

Correa told state TV that it was necessary to examine a great deal of material about international law in order to make a responsible, informed decision. He said he expected to have the latest reports in hand by Wednesday.

Assange took refuge in

Ecuador's embassy in London in June to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning for alleged sexual misconduct.

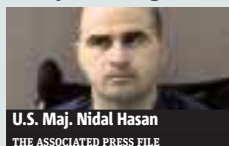
Correa said Monday that Ecuador is concerned Assange could be extradited to the United States and possibly face the death sentence there.

Assange's supporters believe he has been secretly indicted there.

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Fort Hood killings

Army shrink's trial won't be delayed: Judge



U.S. Maj. Nidal Hasan
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A U.S. military judge on Tuesday refused to again delay the trial of an army psychiatrist charged in a deadly shooting rampage at an army base in Texas, setting up a highly anticipated court-martial next week.

Maj. Nidal Hasan must plead not guilty Wednesday to the 13 counts of premeditated murder he currently faces in the 2009 attack at Fort Hood. Military law doesn't allow guilty pleas to charges that carry the death penalty as the maximum sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Obama to let illegal immigrants under 30 stay for work with form, fee

The Obama administration on Tuesday directed young illegal immigrants to fill out new forms if they want to apply under a new program that would let them avoid deportation and obtain a U.S. work permit.

The government renewed warnings that the process would not lead to citizenship or give them permission to travel internationally. It will begin accepting immigrants' applications Wednesday.

The announcement came just months before what is shaping up to be a tight contest for the White House.

Seeking re-election, President Barack Obama has come under fire by Hispanic voters and others who say he has not fulfilled a previous campaign promise to reform the nation's immigration

Naysayers

Critics of the program have called the policy backdoor amnesty and say they worry about fraud.

laws.

The policy change could stop deportations for more than a million young illegal immigrants.

The paperwork for the program, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, can be downloaded from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website, said the agency's director, Alejandro Mayorkas. Applicants must pay a \$465 US fee and provide proof of identity and eligibility.

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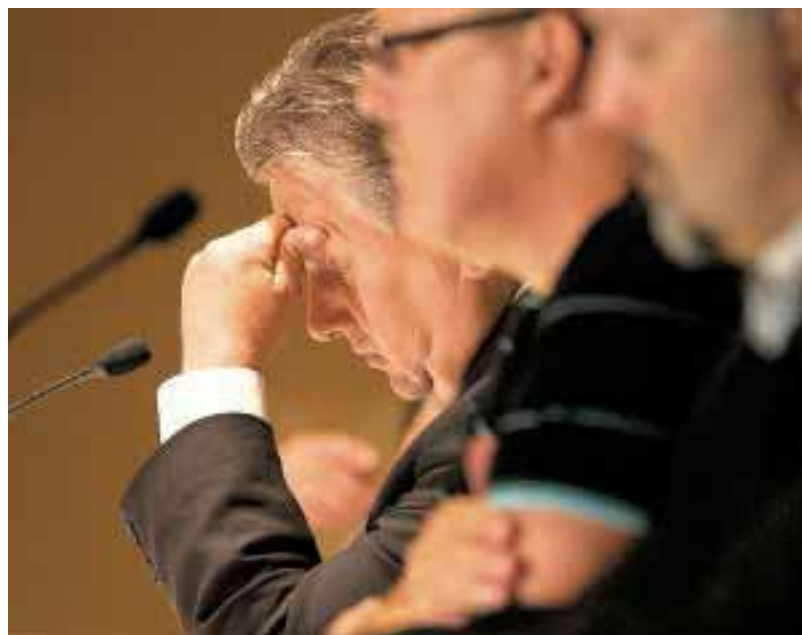
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Ken Lewenza, national president of the Canadian Auto Workers union, rubs his forehead as he takes questions from the media following a meeting to discuss contracts with General Motors in Toronto on Tuesday. It was the first of a series of meetings with the big three automakers. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CAW wants to share in top automakers' increasing profits

Union. Canadian Auto Workers meets with top North American automakers to discuss new labour contracts

The Canadian Auto Workers said it doesn't expect to regain all of the concessions it made when automakers were struggling during the recession, but it wants to share in the profits now that the industry has rebounded.

"We aren't going in there demanding everything back from 2009," CAW national president Ken Lewenza said Tuesday as the union kicked off contract negotiations with the three big

Sacrifices

"The companies have learned to make money even at low volumes. Workers' sacrifices have been a big part of that success."

Ken Lewenza, CAW national president

North American automakers.

"We're just saying that we have to find a way to share in the successes that our members have built over many years."

The union met with General Motors Canada on Tuesday morning and with Chrysler Canada in the afternoon. It will meet with Ford Canada on Wednesday.

day. Contracts for workers at all three companies expire Sept. 17. The union made a number of concessions, including to wages, vacation time and cost-of-living payments, to help the ailing automakers during the 2008-09 recession.

Lewenza says the CAW is hoping to make some progress now that the companies are making a profit.

But a Chrysler Canada spokesman warned Tuesday that although the company has returned to profitability, it is not out of the woods. "Those gains have been modest and it is critical that we not return to an uncompetitive situation," said Todd Bested, Chrysler Canada's director of labour relations.

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Plummeting stock

Groupon decline unprecedented

Groupon's stock is 27 per cent cheaper Tuesday, but that doesn't make it a bargain.

Its stock fell as analysts slashed targets and ratings on the online deals company after it reported its first-ever quarter-to-quarter decline in gross billings, a measure of how much money Groupon collects from customers.

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Social media

Google+ switches to snappy addresses

If you're a devoted Facebook or LinkedIn user, chances are you have a so-called "vanity URL," or a short, custom web address for your profile.

Now, Google+ is also appealing to users' narcissism, by switching its unwieldy addresses for snappier ones.

The URLs will first be offered to verified users like brands and celebrities before being rolled out to the public. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Hugh Hefner is the male, er, face the sexual revolution, Helen Gurley Brown was its female frontpiece.

I mean, anyone who has breast implants at 73 has earned

pride of place in the Sexual Revolution Hall of Fame, just across the aisle from Barry White and two statues down from Madonna (oh wait, Madonna's membership is still pending).

Sadly, while Hefner keeps on ticking like a randy old grandfather clock, Gurley Brown's best-before date has finally expired (exhausted itself?) at the ripe old age of 90.

Obviously, there's something about an active sex life.

For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, gather round. Helen Gurley Brown single-handedly brought 50 per cent of the human population into the modern era by publishing Sex and the Single Girl in 1962. She spent the rest of her considerable life updating the sexual revolution on a monthly basis as the editor of Cosmopolitan, the magazine that promises 30 Things to Do to a Naked Man.

The men of the world should be grateful, at least. Everywhere else, a naked man is usually arrested.

For women, reviews have been mixed. Gurley Brown may not have been the first to acknowledge in public that women have sex when they're not married, but she was certainly the first to promote it gleefully. Feminists saw her as a male-chauvinist plot, counselling women to adopt a kind of strategic subservience to get what they want — especially if what they want are multiple orgasms.

Not that there's anything wrong with that. "Lots of people did not know how to pronounce 'orgasm' before it (Cosmo) was launched," said one Cosmo editor, quoted in the Guardian.

Gurley Brown's real dirty little secret was that her dirty little secret was hard work. Nobody got into the office earlier or left later as she worked her way up from "mouseburger" from Arkansas, super-secretary in L.A., copywriter extraordinaire in L.A. and New York, and then to Cosmo, where she reigned supreme from 1965 until she stepped down (sort of) in 1997.

Along the way she attracted millions of readers looking for 75 ways to pleasure a man or look at Burt Reynolds naked. I have to admit, I looked at Reynolds naked, but was disappointed because he wasn't really naked — he didn't take off his toupée.

Gurley Brown didn't have any children; she considered them competitors for attention. But she did spawn a generation of magazine editors, male as well as female, who work harder than anyone else to enumerate experience (37 Ways to Pound Sand!) on the covers of their magazines.

Finally, she left the best motto: "Good girls go to heaven, bad girls go everywhere." Wherever she's gone, I'll bet it's hot.



Long before Carrie Bradshaw was drinking cosmos, Helen Gurley Brown, pictured, defined sex and the single girl as editor of Cosmo. GEORGE DE SOTA/NEWSMAKERS

Cold cuts to sink your body into



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Hamming it up

'Deli meats' tickle funny bone

Vegetarian Silvia Wald puts a cloth ham on the sales counter of her shop Aufschnitt (German for cold cuts) in Berlin on Tuesday. Wald, an engineer in clothing technology, started in 2009 to design meat products from cotton stretch velvet, Lycra, wool or micro fibre with a realistic look.

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Showcase of plush treats



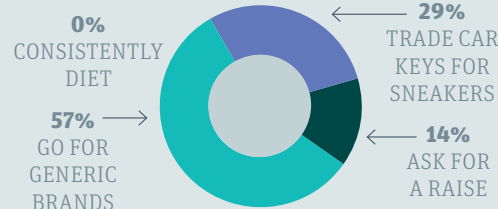
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Whitney Houston stars in *Sparkle* in another movie that features a posthumous performance. HANDOUT

After their light fades out

Posthumous praise. Houston's role in *Sparkle* isn't the only star to have a movie come out after their sudden death



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Sparkle actress Tika Sumpter says the movie "adds another diamond" to the legend of Whitney Houston. The film, a remake of a 1976 picture of

the same name, stars the late singer in her final role.

The movie, in which she plays the single mother of a musical prodigy, was being heralded as her comeback, but instead is her swansong. She passed away in February, the result of an accidental drowning in the bathtub of her Beverly Hilton hotel room.

Houston's co-star Jordan Sparks said, "She lights up the screen, and you can just tell she's so full of joy to be doing this."

Houston is not the first performer to earn posthumous praise for a film role. In 2008 Heath Ledger won an Academy Award for his per-

formance as the Joker in *The Dark Knight*, released after his January, 2008 death from accidental prescription drug overdose.

River Phoenix, another actor cut down at the height of his popularity, didn't live to see his final completed film *Silent Tongue*, a movie described as "a haunting tale of love, death and shame in the Old West." *Dark Blood*, the film Phoenix was just 11 days away from finishing when he overdosed in front of the Viper Room in Los Angeles, was thought lost to time, but has recently been resurrected and will debut in September at the Netherlands Film Festival.

Old Hollywood also saw its share of tragic ends and last performances. The 1930s superstar Jean Harlow died of renal failure while filming *Saratoga*. Instead of replacing her, MGM used three doubles (one for close-ups, another for long shots and a third for dubbing the actress's lines) and re-jigged the story. The salvaged movie became MGM's biggest hit of 1937.

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Movie review

Odd Life is oddly unbalanced

The *Odd Life of Timothy Green*

Director: Peter Hedges,

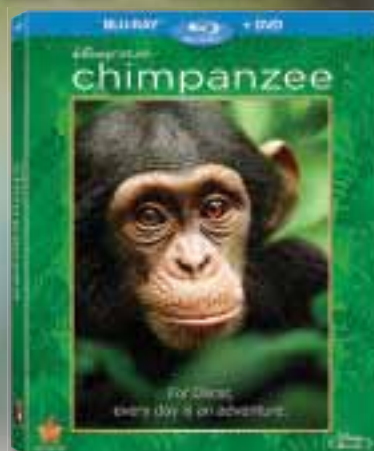
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The *Odd Life of Timothy Green* is a little fantasy about a peculiar kid who literally climbs out of the garden one night after a married couple write out the characteristics they seek in a son. It would be a promising premise for a children's book but as a film, this comic-drama falls like the inexplicable leaves shedding from the mysterious kid's ankles. With deliberate sincerity, the movie deals with mature themes of death and identity but there isn't much fun to balance it out.

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The Spice Girls

Posh Spice skips out on Olympic after-party

After their reunion on stage at the Olympics closing ceremony, the Spice Girls decided to keep the get-together going — minus one member — as they hit up George Michael's after-party, according to Hollyscoop. "They really enjoyed all being

back together," a source says, noting that Victoria Beckham decided to skip out on the revelry. "She did not go back out and so it was just the other four girls. Everyone was a little disappointed that she did not come out to celebrate after."

Split-couple not on highest paid celeb list

While the world waits for word on the status of Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart's relationship after Stewart's admission of cheating on Pattinson with director Rupert Sanders, the folks at Forbes magazine seem to have drawn their own conclusions. When the

magazine released its Highest Paid Celebrity Couples list last week, it left off Pattinson and Stewart, who ranked fifth last year.

"Stewart and Pattinson were, in fact, left off the list because they are broken up," a magazine rep tells the Huffington Post.

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The Word

Aniston expands her wedding guest list

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Although he's been engaged to Jennifer Aniston for less than a week, Justin Theroux is already proving to be quite the family man. After years of estrangement, he's convinced Aniston to add her mother, Nancy Dow, to the wedding guest list.

"Justin comes from a tight-knit family, who he is very close to. He preaches family values to Jennifer and he said to her he'd love a private, low-key ceremony with all their family members present," a source tells Radar-Online.



Aniston didn't invite Dow to her wedding to Brad Pitt in 2000 — which was only one year after Dow released an unwelcome book about her daughter — but the actress has since softened her stance.

"She agreed, said she'd forgiven her mom for her past discrepancies and that Nancy should be a guest at her second wedding," the source tells Radar. Is it a nice gesture? We guess. But this is like getting left out of the beach trip, then invited to the sandy drive home.

'That's life' — Gibson not expecting forgiveness

While many wonder if Hollywood will forgive Mel Gibson for his outbursts over the last few years, the actor himself isn't holding his breath. "I don't even think they're vindictive. I don't think they think there's reason to forgive," he tells ComingSoon.Net. "It is kind of ridiculous. It's kind of hard to pinpoint exactly what needs to be forgiven, and I don't con-

sider that anything does because I didn't hurt anyone." Others may beg to differ, including ex-girlfriend Ok-sana Grigorieva and writer Joe Eszterhas, who taped one of Gibson's tirades after their work on a screenplay fell apart. "That's life," Gibson says of the incident. "It ain't easy and it's not fair. You've just got to slip the old water off the back and move on."

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Don't be afraid of the bats! ISTOCK

Calvera, Temple of Doom

According to local lore, shipwrecked Spanish conquistadors met their watery graves here as human sacrifices to the rain god Chac. While it's not as booby-trapped as the one in the Indiana Jones film, it is as unsettling from the outset with ominously positioned cutouts in the roof of the cave resembling eye sockets. Then there's the ten-foot plunge into the mouth of the calvera (Spanish for skull) before hitting water. Once inside the underwater chamber overhead, a layer of fruit bats — also known as megabats will have your Spidey-sense tingling. Open water scuba diver certification is a must to explore the depths of this murky cavern.



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Gordo Banks

If you're an experienced advanced diver and can handle the deep stuff (the shallowest part of this seamount lies under 130 feet of water), it's well worth the 13-kilometre boat ride from the coast of San Jose del Cabo. While the underwater mountain's lunar-like landscape is worth the trip alone, the highlight reel of this dive for many intrepid divers will be studying schooling hammerhead sharks, making eyes at manta rays and miming "en garde" at a passing swordfish. Live versions of familiar seafood plate in Tuna and snappers will also likely find their way into the frame of many of your underwater photographs.

5 underwater spots in Mexico

Isla Mujeres

A 13-kilometre swim from the beaches of Cancun, the Island of Women, a 650-metre wide sliver of an island, isn't just for hormonal college kids who took the municipality's names a tad too literally. This Isla offers a wide variety of dive sites to satisfy the full spectrum of diving tastes. Beginners can play a Seussical game of one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish while ogling the vibrant sea life at Manchones Reef. Also, wreck divers exploring the 100-foot deep Ultrafreeze are an additional bonus. The cargo ship's iron and metal haul is a magnet for baitfish and so the bigger guys on the fish food chain including dolphins and barracudas often feed here. Meanwhile, art lovers can take in the Cancun Underwater Museum off the island's western coast. Eco-sculptor Jason de Caires Taylor's stunning 450-piece underwater statue garden is a synergy of art and conservation. The statues are made of pH-neutral cement to promote the growth of coral reef.



Dive sites abound off of Cozumel. ISTOCK

Paradise Reef

If you're transitioning from snorkeling to scuba this shallow reef 200 yards from Cozumel's western coast is a great place to earn your neutral buoyancy cred. While envious shore snorkellers spy the coral from a distance, you'll be able to get up close and personal with the colourful plankton catchers. Be sure to keep a lookout for spotted moray eels and sea horses. If you're not afraid to swim in the dark, Paradise Reef is a very popular night dive spot. Dive sites abound along the Mesoamerican barrier reef system which extends beyond Mexico's Caribbean coast into Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. It's the second largest in the world, behind Australia's Great Barrier Reef.



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Sand Falls

Off the shores of San Lucas near Anega Rock, the sand cascades over submerged cliffs like an underwater waterfall. This curious phenomenon was first documented by the inventor of the Aqua-Lung and famed deep blue explorer, Monsieur Jacques-Yves Cousteau in the 1970s. Suitable for intermediate divers but still rewarding to even seasoned veteran underwater explorers, the sand falls start at a depth of 90 feet, so your bottom time will be limited. If the flowing sand isn't enough, the site is also home to over 300 species of sea creatures for your viewing pleasure.

On the web



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Fruity take on Greek with watermelon-topped pita

Not only are these Greek Pita Flatbreads easy to prepare, but they are also healthy and satisfying.

In this recipe, watermelon replaces traditional toppings, providing a unique, refreshing taste.

Remember, the fruit is 90 per cent water, making this dish very juicy.

These pitas are most ideal for a quick afternoon snack or to serve tapas-style at a summer gathering in your backyard.

1. Spread 15 ml (1 tbsp) tzatziki on each of the four

whole-wheat pitas.

2. Dividing all of the ingredients, top each pita evenly with cooked and sliced chicken breast, chopped watermelon, chopped cucumber, sliced red onion, crumbled feta cheese, pitted olives and cracked black pepper.

3. Garnish the top of each pita with fresh oregano and a wedge of lemon. Serve them immediately.

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Ingredients

- 4 whole-wheat pitas (15-cm/6-inches in diameter)
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) prepared tzatziki sauce
- 2 chicken breasts (each 175 g/6 oz), cooked and sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chopped watermelon
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped English cucumber
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sliced red onion
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) crumbled feta cheese
- 12 kalamata olives, pitted
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper, cracked
- Fresh oregano leaves
- Lemon wedges

Greek Pita Flatbread



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Student Voice

Plan for the worst and hope for the best

Andrew Gillespie
Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Physics
with a minor in Applied Mathematics
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I graduated in 2001, during the first tech bubble burst, with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Calgary. No one was hiring at all and in most science-and-technology-based companies massive layoffs and hiring freezes were taking place. I had to work at a coffee shop part-time to weather the storm.

After two years I managed to get my foot in the door with an oil exploration company, doing low-end work, again at a rate much lower than I desired considering the amount of time I invested in my education. However, I thought it would be good work experience. After a year the company had to lay off staff and I was one of those laid off. It took another year of searching before I finally landed a job with another oil exploration company,

this time as a field administrator. This job certainly did not require the education I had, but again I thought this would be a great stepping stone, and in a way it was. It took a placement company to get the current job I have now, after working temporarily with another temp agency.

My recommendations for students

Do your homework! I mean research into the demands for the type of degree you want to obtain within industry. Determine if this is feasible or impossible. The jokes about BA degrees are soon spreading into BScs; the workplace is particularly fussy to what exactly you study now. For graduates, take what you can get if something good is offered to you, even if it isn't exactly what you're looking for — you may like the job anyway or it could lead to something better later on. When you do start to work plan for the worst. Start saving money.

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Management experience is a valuable asset, particularly if you're looking for an entry-level job.

Regardless of your area of expertise, a position as a manager indicates to prospective employers that you can be trusted with authority and are capable of maintaining a big-picture perspective while tending to particulars.

However, getting this experience can be a bumpy ride, particularly in the seasonal and part time positions where students and recent graduates usually achieve management roles.

You might find yourself in charge of people significantly older than you, or former co-workers who had their eyes on your job. The following advice should help you stay afloat as



Admitting to your team that you need their help in a certain area shows them that you are honest and that you value their abilities. ISTOCK

you set sail in your management role.

Manage yourself

If you manage a group of individuals who already understand the full scope of their responsibilities (like a retail store, for example), you'll be able to provide a minimal amount of direction, reducing the likelihood of tension or misunderstanding.

In a more collaborative workplace, you'll need to provide oversight without interfering with group dynamics.

In either case, try and take a step back from your position of authority and allow employees to fill that space. Encourage as much communication and discussion as is appropriate. Any decisions that employees can make through group consensus should be left

to their discretion.

Outline roles

Some workplaces assign duties informally, teaching each employee his or her responsibilities through word of mouth. This can lead to tension when unexpected tasks arise.

If possible, formalize existing responsibilities in writing as a group.

This practice will hopefully encourage open discussion and collaboration when the unexpected happens, as well as ensuring all employees are familiar with each other's responsibilities.

It will also help ensure that no one can accuse you of sloughing unpleasant tasks onto one particular person you "don't like."

Reinforce the chain of command

Just as your staff answer to you, you're accountable to a higher-up. While you don't want to undermine your authority, make sure that your employees are aware of your role as part of a chain of command.

Frame team objectives not only in terms of tasks—be sure to emphasize long-term goals as dictated to you from above.

Accept the inevitable

As with any endeavor, you won't become a perfect manager overnight – it takes hard work:

- Be prepared to make mistakes, despite your best efforts.
- Accept that some people won't like your decisions.
- Push yourself to learn from this experience, but don't expect it to be smooth sailing.
- With luck, your first management position in a part time or entry level job will be the start of a lifelong learning process.

If your staff are a sociable bunch, post-work gatherings can be a tightrope you have to cross.

People let off steam outside of work by saying things that they can't say at work. You don't want to overhear anything that might impact your ability to do your job professionally and above reproach.

At the same time, refusing to take any part in staff gatherings will make you seem unfriendly and aloof, and impact on morale and communication at work.

Try and walk a fine middle ground. Attend social events infrequently and avoid joining impromptu plans. When you go, stay long enough to talk to everyone briefly. Be neither the life of the party nor a wet blanket. Leave quietly, not furtively.

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Canadians up the challenge in Game 4 vs. Russia

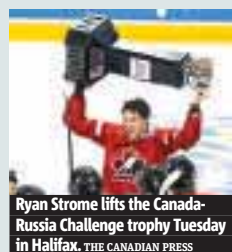
Ryan Strome scored at 3:20 of overtime on Tuesday to give Canada a win in the Canada-Russia Challenge after the Canadians won 4-2 in regulation time.

Because it was a four-game series, Canada needed a win in regulation time to force a 20-minute sudden-death overtime to decide the challenge.

After some great work by Xavier Ouellet to keep the puck in the Russian zone, Strome took a pass and fired a wrist shot past Russian goalie Andrei Vasilevski.

After winning the first game of the series that commemorates the 40th anniversary of the 1972 Summit Series, Canada lost Game 2 in Russia and then dropped Game 3 in Halifax to fall behind.

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Ryan Strome lifts the Canada-Russia Challenge trophy Tuesday in Halifax. THE CANADIAN PRESS

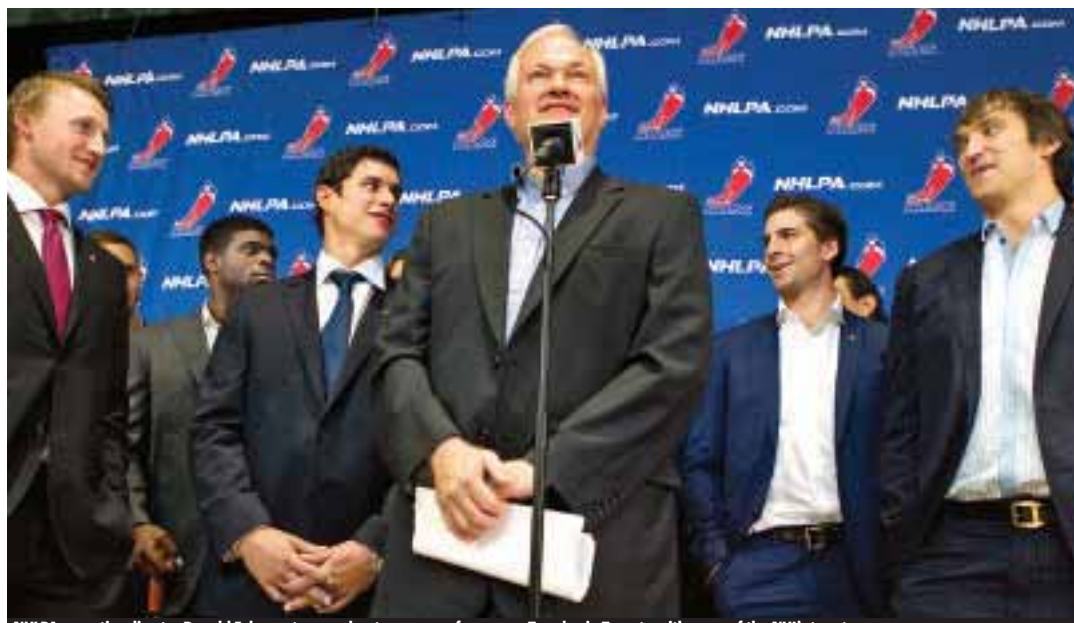
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"I'm always open and very blunt and I think that ruffled the feathers of some people."

Cory Boyd in Edmonton on Tuesday, trying to determine why he was released by the Toronto Argonauts. Boyd agreed to terms with the Eskimos late Sunday, just hours after the Argos released him. He's the league's rushing leader this season, on pace for more than 1,300 yards.

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NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, centre, speaks at a press conference on Tuesday in Toronto with some of the NHL's top stars. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Players willing to take less in new CBA

NHL. NHLPA's offer designed to produce 'a stable industry,' says union head Fehr

As it tabled its first offer in the latest round of NHL labour talks, the NHL Players' Association presented itself as a partner looking to help fix the league's problems — but not one willing to bear all the burden.

Flanked by superstars Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin, NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr said Tuesday the union's offer includes a smaller percentage of revenues for players and an expanded revenue-sharing program to help struggling teams.

"We do believe that the pro-

League's response

An NHL proposal tabled last month called for a significant decrease for players in revenue share by introducing new contract restrictions, including a five-year cap on deals.

- Commissioner Gary

Bettman said he hopes to continue talks Wednesday.

- "It's clear to me that they didn't put (the counter-offer) together in an hour or two.... We're going to need to take a little bit of time to evaluate it," Bettman said.

posal the players made today, once implemented, can produce a stable industry ... that can give us a chance to move beyond the recurring labour strife that has plagued the NHL the last two decades," said Fehr.

By the union's calculations, the deal could see players give up as much as \$465 million US in revenue if the league continues to grow at an average

rate for the next three seasons.

The proposal includes delinking the salary cap from hockey-related revenue and setting a fixed rate — increasing by two per cent for the first year, four per cent for the second and six per cent for the third.

Afterwards, the players would hold an option to have the fourth year revert back to

the current system, where they are entitled to receive 57 per cent of all revenues.

The NHLPA's belief is that owners would pocket more profits over the first three years of the deal, some of which could be dispersed to struggling franchises in an effort to strengthen the league overall.

"I like it a lot," Crosby said of the proposal. "I think, as Don said, it's addressing the issues that the league has. (We're) making sure as players that we do our part to help those (struggling) teams out, but also holding the teams accountable."

"At the end of the day, it's going to take both (sides) to do that."

The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said there will be a lockout if a new agreement isn't in place by then. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Khan returning to gridiron as a Stampeder

Obby Khan's CFL retirement didn't last very long.

Less than four months after calling it quits, the former Winnipeg Blue Bombers centre returned to the CFL, signing with the Calgary Stampeders on Tuesday.

And former Bombers linemate Glenn January isn't surprised.

"Not really," January said. "I think that he still felt like he could play and an opportunity opened up for him, so I'm not very surprised at all."

The 31-year-old Khan announced his retirement in April after eight CFL sea-

Leaving the 'Peg

Obby Khan, a six-foot-three, 300-pound Ottawa native, played 118 games with the Bombers and Ottawa Renegades. His time in Winnipeg included comebacks after illness and surgeries because of Crohn's disease.

- He was Winnipeg's nominee for the CFL's outstanding lineman award in 2006 and had planned to open a restaurant in the city, but it has reportedly been delayed.

sions. He had spent six years with Winnipeg and reportedly hung up his cleats upon being told by the Bombers they wanted to go with more youth on their offensive line. January refused to get

drawn into any speculation on whether the struggling Bombers (1-5) could use Khan's services.

"That's not really my decision to make," January said. "We've got a very good

Quoted

"I think as the season wears on, people are trying to find Canadians and certainly he was an experienced guy."

Blue Bombers coach Paul LaPolice on Obby Khan joining the Calgary Stampeders



unit in that room now.

"We're a young unit but we've shown progress over the course of the season."

January and Steve Morley are the only real CFL veterans left on the line.

Winnipeg head coach Paul LaPolice said he didn't know anything about a re-

port that Khan offered his services first to the Bombers but said they didn't have any room for him on the roster.

"Everybody's trying to find those next guys and I know Calgary took another hit on their offensive line last week," he said.

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Mobile sports



As Canada's Olympians return home, another crop of athletes is heading to London. The Canadian Paralympic team was officially named Tuesday during a send-off at Toronto's Pearson airport. Some 145 athletes will suit up in 15 sports for Canada, which is aiming for a top-eight finish in the medal standings. Scan the code for the story.

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The right look is critical for any sport ute-style vehicle and Subaru has provided the Crosstrek with its own distinctive nosepiece, front and rear bumpers, roof rails and rear spoiler.

In addition, extra cladding for the wheel arches and rocker panel has been installed.

Ground clearance

The slightly bigger front brake rotors add stopping power and a hiked-up suspension provides 22 centimetres of ground clearance, which is about eight more than the Impreza. That's just shy of the competing Jeep Patriot's 23-centimetre stance and should be plenty for straddling rock-strewn terrain and fording shallow streams.

2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC horizontally opposed four-cylinder (150).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.5/5.5.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$29,000 (est.).

Engine



The horizontally opposed engine layout lowers the centre of gravity and provides all kinds of underhood room.

The Crosstrek's 148-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine comes straight from the Impreza. That's significantly less oomph than the pre-2012 170-horsepower Impreza, but the offset is 7.5-l/100 km city and 5.5 l/100 km highway ratings that crush the old "Imp's" 10.4/7.7 numbers.

Review. It's the right Subaru for the times

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Is this Subaru for real, or is the new XV Crosstrek arriving this fall just faking it?

If another automaker at-

tempted to elevate one of its small wagons to the status of "off-roader," it would risk becoming an industry laughing stock.

But Subaru is different. It always has been. And just when you think the Japan-based company has settled down and become a conservative member of the community, it ratchets up the funkiness and creates this bold and brash offshoot of

its Impreza wagon.

You just gotta love it.

In developing the niche-oriented Crosstrek, the Impreza wagon was an ideal starting point.

Subaru completely reinvented its popular entry-level model for the 2012 model year, making it larger, better looking and significantly more fuel-efficient (albeit less powerful) than before. And with its standard

four-wheel-drive, the Impreza has the right stuff to be converted into a pseudo Rubicon Trail-conquering hero.

The reality, however, is that the Crosstrek is best suited for rough road and weather conditions plus limited off-trail adventuring.

Anyone familiar with Volvo's XC70 wagon will think of this Subie as a scaled-down and less expensive copycat as

well as sharing kinship with the current Subaru Outback wagon.

Adding the XV Crosstrek to a growing lineup that now also includes the BRZ sports coupe gives Subaru a wider cross-section of vehicles.

It's by no means a Jeep or Land Rover-style rock-crawler, but for more typical rugged outdoor activities, the XV Crosstrek is about as real as it gets.

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First-time new-vehicle buyers aren't so young

Talking about the old folks. You can sell a whippersnapper's car to an older person, but not the other way around



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In a recent study, with a sample size of one (me), the findings are that 50 might be the new 30, but only when you consider a very small and select group of body parts. All other body parts are very adamant about being 50 or better.

In another study, this time by the automotive research arm of Maritz Canada, and with a much larger sample size, the findings are that 50, or more precisely, 50.8, is the average age of new-vehicle buyers in this country. With such a large post-war baby boom in Canada, it shouldn't be a surprise that most buyers are 50-something, but it still seems surprising, or at least surprising-ish.

Now consider this: The average age of first-time buy-



Hyundai Veloster is targeted at Generation Y, but older drivers like it too. With more older buyers ready, willing and able to drive the vehicle home, they've pushed the medium age of the Veloster buyer in Canada to 46. CONTRIBUTED

ers is 38!

"This is not to say the 20-24 age group is not buying cars, just that they aren't buying them in numbers that people may think," says Chris Travel of Maritz Canada. "The action is with older customers, not only in sheer

numbers, but also in their ability to pay for vehicles."

Money is obviously a thing that can keep a young buck separated from a \$196,400 Porsche 911 Turbo S. One thing young people certainly have lots of is "no money."

John Vernile is vice

president of marketing at Hyundai Auto Canada. He notes that Hyundai's average buyer age hovers around 50, even when the vehicles are targeted to young people. For example, the medium age of Accent buyers is dead on 50, while the medium age of

Elantra buyers is 53. Again, this is not to say that young people don't buy them, they do, just that older folk buy more.

According to Maritz, when young people do buy new, they do head most to the subcompact and com-

pact segments. But considering how many older people buy the things too, it seems a bit weird to me somehow, that the marketing of these vehicles is so heavily skewed to the younger, beach volleyball set. But at least it conforms to an old auto industry maxim — you can sell a young person's car to an older person, but can't sell an older person's car to a younger person.

Vernile notes that Hyundai is particularly interested in the young buyer.

"Our loyalty rate, at 52 per cent, is among the highest in the industry. Once we get 'share of driveway' we tend to hang on to our customers, as they move through their life stages."

Another factor in this discussion, of course, is that this current crop of young people is just not as interested in getting behind the wheel as previous generations. We talked about this cultural shift before.

I still don't get it, but if middle age has taught me anything, it's that the list of things I don't get is infinite and expanding — so no sense in getting hung up on every little mystery that comes along.

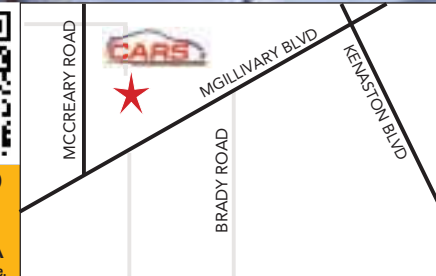
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	STOCK #	KMS	BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT*	PRICE	AVERAGE MARKET PRICE**	SAVINGS
CARS									
2012	Fiat	500 Sport	Auto, sunroof	1163	15,895	145	\$18,579	\$19,512	\$933
2012	Fiat	500 Sport	5 Speed, Prima Edizione	1164	16,800	145	\$18,949	\$19,474	\$525
2012	Ford	Fiesta SE	Auto, Loaded, SYNC	1198	36,500	123	\$15,995	Only 1 in Winnipeg	
2012	Ford	Fusion SE	2.5L, loaded, SYNC	1214	38,350	136	\$17,750	\$19,193	\$1,443
2012	Chevy	Impala LS	3.6L, alloys	1186	42,000	130	\$16,900	\$17,141	\$241
2012	Chevy	Malibu LS	2.4L, loaded	1189	41,200	138	\$17,895	\$17,921	\$26
2009	Honda	Civic Sport	Auto, Alloy wheels, low kms	1239	58,500	133	\$16,995	Only 1 in Winnipeg	
2012	Chrysler	200 Touring	2.4L, loaded	1240	42,500	142	\$18,495	\$20,084	\$1,589
TRUCKS									
2008	Chevy	Silverado 1500 LT	Crew, 5.3L, 4x4	1193	109,750	218	\$21,495	\$22,758	\$1,263
2008	Chevy	Silverado 1500 LT	Crew, 4.8L 4x4	1149	103,500	Please Call	\$21,500	Arriving soon - Please Call	
2010	Dodge	Ram 1500 SLT	Hemi, Quad Cab, 4x4	1098	49,800	Please Call	\$24,995	Arriving soon - Please Call	
2010	Dodge	Ram 1500 ST	4.7L, Crew Cab, 4x4, Pwr group	1127	44,100	Please Call	\$25,900	Arriving soon - Please Call	
2008	Dodge	Ram 3500 SLT	Cummins, Dually, Quad Cab, 4x4	1158	230,000	Please Call	\$27,974	Only 1 in town!	
2010	GMC	Canyon SLE	2.9L, Ext Cab, 4x4	1101	57,267	Please Call	\$19,300	Arriving soon - Please Call	
2010	Ford	Ranger Sport FX4	4.0L V6, Auto, Ext Cab	1218	70,150	145	\$16,495	\$18,272	\$1,777
2012	GMC	Sierra 1500 SLE	4.8L, V6, Auto, 4x4	1192	19,750	232	\$30,495	\$31,803	\$1,308
2009	GMC	Sierra 1500 WT	5.3L, Ext. Cab, 4x4	1112	132,487	Please Call	\$18,300	Arriving soon - Please Call	
SUV'S									
2008	Chevy	Equinox LT	Sunroof, Remote Start	1152	85,850	Please Call	\$17,990	Arriving soon - Please Call	
2009	Ford	Edge SEL	AWD, CD Changer, Htd Seats	1180	69,500	227	\$23,495	N/A	
2008	Honda	CR-V EX-L	AWD, Leather, CD Changer	1199	53,800	207	\$20,980	\$21,553	\$942
2010	Honda	CR-V LX	AWD, Auto, loaded	1188	55,100	198	\$22,900	\$23,991	\$1,091
2011	Jeep	Liberty Sport	North Edition 2 to choose from	1212	40,250	161	\$20,995	\$22,222	\$1,227
2010	Jeep	Liberty Sport	North Edition	1182	73,800	156	\$17,995	\$18,702	\$707
2008	Toyota	RAV4	269 HP V6, nicely equipped	1221	95,476	149	\$16,995	N/A	
2011	Hyundai	Tucson GL AWD	AWD, 2.4L, Bluetooth, Remote Start	1191	33,500	168	\$22,995	\$25,157	\$2,157
VANS									
2011	Chrysler	Town&Country	DVD, loaded	1168	30,200	205	\$27,978	\$29,783	\$1,805
2011	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Stow'n Go, Rear AC 6 to choose from	1159	44,650	164	\$19,900	\$21,739	\$1,839
2012	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Stow'n Go, Rear AC 2 to choose from	1169	33,160	179	\$21,700	\$22,793	\$1,093
2010	Suzuki	Grand Vitara J4X-L	AWD, 3.2L V6, Leather, Sunroof	1179	44,750	174	\$19,995	\$21,622	\$1,622
2008	Honda	Odyssey EX	Loaded, pwr doors, tri-zone climate control	1229	83,000	208	\$20,495	\$21,719	\$1,224
VEHICLES UNDER \$15,000									
2004	Dodge	Grand Caravan SE	Clean, loaded	1134	140,200	142	\$7,899	N/A	
2007	Chevrolet	Uplander LS	7 passenger loaded	1234	98,875	89	\$8,995	\$9,854	\$849
2008	Dodge	Caliber	Loaded, H. Seats	1128	64,350	99	\$9,995	\$11,785	\$1,790
2009	Chevy	Cobalt LT	loaded, alloys	1225	74,500	99	\$10,295	\$14,033	\$3,738
2007	Ford	Focus SES	Wagon, Auto, Leather, Sunroof	1217	65,824	108	\$10,495	Only 1 in Winnipeg	
2007	Nissan	Versa 1.8SL	1.8L, Auto, pwr, cruise, keyless	1232	93,494	110	\$10,495	\$11,232	\$737
2004	Dodge	Ram 2500 Laramie	5.7L, Quad Cab, 4x4	1194	294,720	Please Call	\$10,900	N/A	
2008	Pontiac	GS SE	Auto, pwr, keyless, cruise	1231	55,550	110	\$11,249	\$11,627	\$378
2010	Chevy	Cobalt LT Coupe	loaded, alloys	1225	48,593	110	\$12,495	\$13,528	\$1,033
2011	Kia	Rio5 EX	Conv. Pkg, Bluetooth, Htd Seats 3 to choose from	1209	50,900	93	\$12,990	N/A	
2010	Dodge	Caliber	Loaded, H. Seats	1201	62,500	113	\$12,979	\$15,033	\$2,054
2010	Dodge	Caliber	Loaded, H. Seats	1203	52,500	118	\$13,490	\$15,033	\$1,543
2009	Chevy	Malibu Hybrid	Well equipped	1190	117,200	132	\$13,500	Only 1 in Winnipeg	
2011	Dodge	Caliber SXT	Loaded, H. Seats	1146	31,500	Please Call	\$15,600	Arriving soon - Please Call	
2008	Dodge	Ram 1500 SLT	4.7L, Reg. Cab 2WD	1196	60,250	145	\$14,949	N/A	
2008	Dodge	Grand Caravan SE	pwr, pmi, keyless	1155	82,200	152	\$14,995	\$15,640	\$645
2006	Chevy	Silverado 1500 LT	Ext. Cab, 4x4	1150	96,350	152	\$14,995	\$16,358	\$1,358
2009	Jeep	Compass Limited	AWD, 2.4L, Leather	1124	96,000	Please Call	\$14,995	Arriving soon - Please Call	

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When an insurance company puts a value on your vehicle, it's usually based on basic data for its age, mileage and condition. That's fine for most cars, but if you have a collector vehicle, you should have the extra protection of an appraisal.

"If you don't have an appraisal, you don't have insurance for replacement value," says Wayne Copeland, vice-president of business development for Antique & Classic Auto Appraisal Service.

"When there is a loss with a third-party appraisal, then the insurance company pays the agreed value."

While appraisals are most commonly for antique cars, they're useful any time there is added value, such as a newer vehicle that has been heavily modified. Copeland has also



Wayne Copeland gets information on Metro Drive writer Jil McIntosh's Studebaker truck for an appraisal. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

done appraisals for estate sales and divorce proceedings, and in Ontario, you'll need one if you're buying a vehicle that's 20 years or older, to determine the sales tax.

There are no government standards for appraisers, and anyone can claim to be qualified. A poor appraisal runs the risk of incorrect value, and insurance companies are within

their rights to refuse one that doesn't meet their standards.

Copeland says the appraiser must see the vehicle in person, and the appraisal should include the car's year and make,

mileage, license number, condition, complete description, several photographs, and the appraiser's full contact information. You should receive two copies: one for your files,

and one to send to the insurance company.

The appraiser should also take various factors into consideration when determining a price, including what it would cost to fix following a crash. A 1957 Fiat may not be as valuable as a 1957 Chevrolet, for example, but replacement parts for the rarer Fiat could cost more than for the Chevy, which is popular enough that many companies stock parts.

You can ask your insurance company if it recommends any appraisers, and most importantly, if there are any whose work they reject. Ask car club members if there's anyone they've used. And ask the appraiser if he's familiar with your vehicle. If he only does antique cars, for example, he may not know as much about customized ones. Your appraisal should be updated every few years to account for changing car prices, or if you do something that adds to its value, such as restoration or major modifications. And don't just think about cars.

"I've done boats, ATVs, tractors, anything that has a value for insurance, legal purpose or sale," Copeland says. "It's all about protecting yourself."

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Someone you work with will try to sabotage your efforts today. They won't succeed, but it might be an idea to ask yourself why they are being so mean. Most likely they are jealous of your popularity.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Before a disagreement of some sort gets out of hand, try standing back and seeing things from the other person's point of view. Maybe you are being a bit too harsh. Maybe they need encouragement.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Take care not to be wasteful over the next few days. No matter how much you think you need something and no matter how much of a bargain you believe it is, wait before reaching for your wallet.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may be rather emotional today but nothing bad will come of it. The important thing is that you don't allow yourself to overreact. Whatever your current problem may be, it's not the end of the world.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may not want to force a friend or loved one to do something against their will but you have no choice. The fact is you are going to have to crack the whip – it's the only way to get them moving.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Different people have different personalities and because of that tend to look at the world in different ways. Bear that thought in mind when dealing with someone who, to your way of thinking, seems a bit stupid.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Someone in a position of power will give you a hard time today but now that you are aware of that fact, you can take evasive action. Stay out of their way if you can – and, if you can't, refuse to be riled.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something that you committed to a few weeks ago no longer grabs you, mentally or emotionally, in the way it once did. Too Bad. You made a promise to other people, so you must see it through to completion.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Never, ever allow yourself to get emotional about money. The moment you break this cardinal rule is the moment you start asking for trouble. If you need to cut your losses then do so.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Someone you work or do business with is being annoyingly obstructive and things will come to a head over the next 24 hours. A parting of the ways may well be the only option left open to you.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You seem to be lacking a sense of urgency at the moment, which is holding you back from starting something that could be good for you. Today's Mars-Saturn link will push you into action.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You may be tempted to go your own way and do your own thing but the planets warn you won't get far. Some things are better done in alliance with other people to spread the risk and share the joys of success. **SALLY BROMPTON**

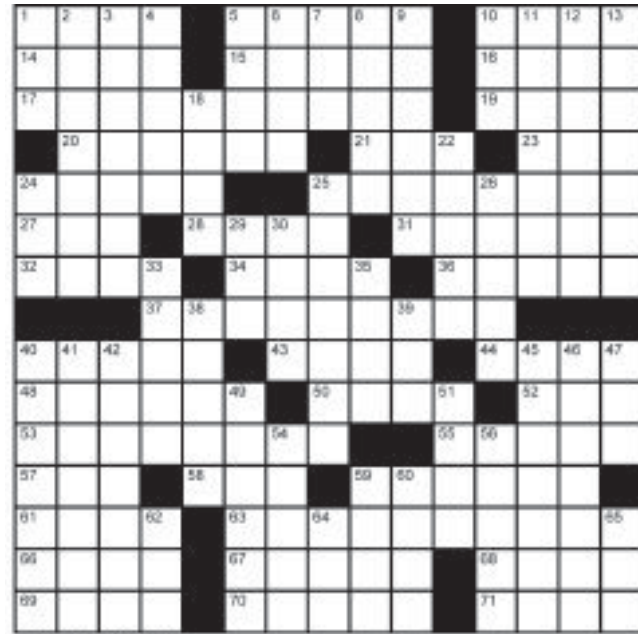
Crossword: More Miscellany

Across

1. US government agent, for short
5. "___ in the hand is worth two ..." (2 wds.)
10. Barber's concern
14. Tiny bit
15. Breezy Hawaiian room
16. Throb
17. Prominent Prairie Provinces feature
19. False god or idol
20. Ottawa-born songstress Morissette
21. Here: Fr.
23. 506: Rom. numerals
24. String quartet member
25. Canadian lawmen
27. Special connections
28. "Monster" that's really a lizard
31. ___ of Georgia: Gulf Islands location
32. Predicament
34. Pig sound
36. Leases out
37. July 1 holiday (2 wds.)
40. Room under the roof
43. Pro ___: proportionately
44. Agreed-on guidelines: abbr.
48. Knucklehead
50. Crypt
52. Picante
53. East Coast's ___ Provinces
55. "___ having fun yet?" (2 wds.)
57. "How was ___ know?" (2 wds.)
58. Bigheadedness
59. Like some measures (metres and feet, say)

Down

61. Baseball scores
63. One of 53-Across (2 wds.)
66. Artist born Romain de Tiroff, from his French initials
67. Excluding, with "from"
68. Angers
69. Winter forecast
70. Rental contract
71. Not more
1. Band's engagement
2. 8 miles from Lake Louise, this lake has same blue-green color and is named from the rockpile at one end
3. ___ for words: speechless (3 wds.)
4. Like some twangs
5. "___ Want for Christmas ..." (2 wds.)
6. Pasture sounds
7. B&B
8. AM/FM apparatus
9. Olympic saucer
10. Canadiens member, familiarly
11. Early French Canadian
12. Puzzle solver's exclamation (3 wds.)
13. Puts back on eBay
18. Cause of a delay
22. Prefix meaning "within" before "mural" or "venous"
24. High spirits
25. Landslide winner's claim
26. 3s in poker
29. Charged particle



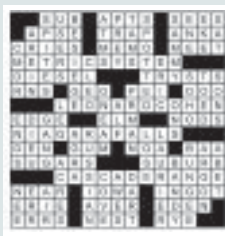
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30. Perjurer
33. Space opera genre (2 wds.)
35. Green Hornet's sidekick
38. Less than 90°
39. BC Hydro structure
40. Regards highly
41. How a roast is done (perfectly) (3 wds.)
42. Argonauts' home

45. IMAX ___
46. Gifts or cash put up by bride's father
47. Sault ___ Marie
49. Cell phone requirement
51. BMO, for one: Fr.
54. ___ Jaw, SK
56. Add more lubricant
59. Fellows
60. "Understood!" (2 wds.)

62. Attach a button
64. Canadian National Rail's passenger subsidiary that became a separate Crown corporation in 1978
65. Donkey

Yesterday's crossword



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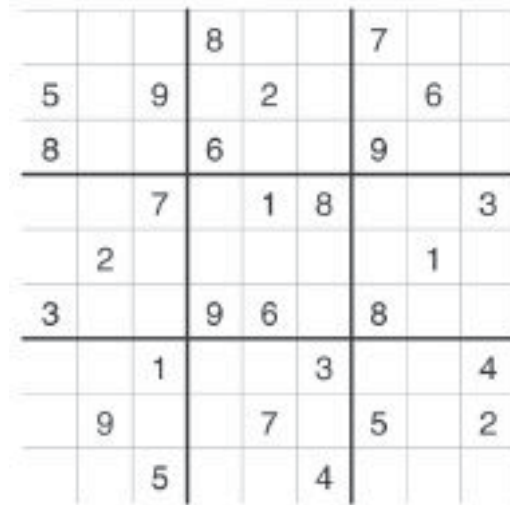


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

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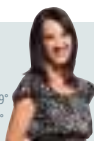
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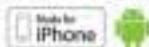
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